

# *Fifty-Third Annual Commencement*



*Thursday, June 4, 2020*

6:00 p.m.

**Middlesex Community College  
via Facebook Live  
Middletown, Connecticut**

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# The Commencement

National Anthem . . . . .	Marina Capezzone, <i>Alum 2018</i> Peter Galgano Jr., <i>Sgt - US Marine Corps</i>
Welcome & Introduction of Speakers . . . . .	Dr. Steven Minkler <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Greetings . . . . .	Mark Ojakian, <i>President of the CSCU</i> Governor Ned Lamont, <i>State of Connecticut</i>
Remarks from Student Representative. . . . .	Jacob Murphy, <i>Class of 2020</i>
Valedictorian . . . . .	Abigail Brooke Ingalls <i>Introduction by Dr. Sharale Mathis</i>
Awards for Academic Excellence . . . . .	Abigail Brooke Ingalls and Jennifer Reilly <i>Introduction by Dr. Sharale Mathis</i>
Pritchett-Taylor Award . . . . .	Abigail Brooke Ingalls and Jennifer Reilly <i>Introduction by Dean Kimberly Hogan</i>
Presentation of Candidates . . . . .	Dr. Sharale Mathis and Program Coordinators
Conferring of Degrees and Certificates . . . . .	Dr. Steven Minkler
Charge to the Graduates and Conclusion . . . . .	Dr. Steven Minkler
Recessional . . . . .	Pomp and Circumstance

*The College reserves the right to withdraw names from the graduation roll.*

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◇ Phi Theta Kappa Δ Honors Program • Upon Summer Completion

† Honors (3.40 – 3.69) ‡ High Honors (3.70 – 3.89) § Highest Honors (3.90 – 4.00)

# Candidates for Degrees

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

### CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: BIOLOGY STUDIES

*Presented by Associate Professor Frank Stellabotte, Ph.D.*

Olga Dabrowska  
Selena Mota

Payton White

### CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: BUSINESS STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Susan Lugli*

Kasia Baran  
•Emily L. Clark  
Lily Flora  
†Nicole Krol  
Marina Morales

•Daphne Nims  
Adam Paquette  
•Bryan Sheehan  
‡Brian Matthew Spanbauer

### CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: CHEMISTRY

*Presented by Professor Mark Busa, Ph.D.*

Kelly Silva

### CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Presented by Professor John Shafer*

•Daniel Annenkov  
Alyssa Fiorentino  
§Jennifer Lynn Frazier  
Ian Nicholls  
Garrett Samodel

Jack Tiernan  
Daniel Vetrano  
Andrea Waddell  
§◊Connor Wilke

### CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Lin Lin, Ph.D.*

†Jimmy Mendoza

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: CRIMINOLOGY STUDIES

*Presented by Associate Professor Rebecca Rist-Brown*

Alyssa Lyn Cabreja	•Nicholas A. Milsagle
Odaliz Evelyn Castillo	•Desiree Justine Owens
‡Lauryn Coro Bengtson	Michael Alexis Patino
Luke David DeMay	Joanna Piotrowska
Dalayda Charet Garcia	•◇Luz Nereida Simoneau
•◇Samantha Halpin	•Shayla Marie Soto
§Edward F. Harrison	Katrina Torre
•Sabrina Houghton	•Thalia D. Troche-O'Farrill
‡Simon C. Jones	‡Angel Raul Vazquez-Oquendo
•Sydney Jordan Martin	Thien Nhat Wrang

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: ENGLISH STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Christine Ruggiero*

Sara Beth Auriemme	Aliya Carta
‡◇Nicholas Bailen	Hailie M. Ethier
Diana Bitzaya	Alicja Popielarz
§◇Georgine-Reign Briones Revilloza	

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: HISTORY STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Victor Triay, Ph.D.*

Jordan Copeland	‡Amedeo Robert Maturo
Damon Liska-Leone	

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: PHYSICS STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Mark Busa, Ph.D.*

Alexander Desrosier

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln*

Jasmine Brianna Ellison	Andrew C. Wilson
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CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: PSYCHOLOGY STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Andrea Levy, Ph.D.*

‡Khavita R. Becker	•Abigail Marselli
‡Jared Paul Buchanan	Marina Mongillo
•Nanichi Cedeño	Alicia Victoria Schmidt
•◇Joshua James Foley	•Audrey Ann Steiner
•Quiana Latrice Jones	Maxwell Woynar
Abdul Fawad Latifi	

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

*Presented by Associate Professor Jennifer Hernandez, Ed.D.*

†◇Michele Boutin	†Ana J. Marmolejos
‡Julie Budney	Sheena Amber McMiller
†Susan G. Calarco	†Joshua Daniel Morin
•Emilyn Madison Marie Cruz	•Selena Rivera
Alexandra M. Esposito	•◇Jessenia V. Sterling
Lisa M. Giannone	†Megan P. Yale
†Madison Giardina	

CSCU PATHWAY TRANSFER DEGREE: SOCIOLOGY STUDIES

*Presented by Professor John Ambenge, Ph.D.*

Baki Muhammet Kuruca	•Matthew Martino
Christian Mathew Lamontagne	

FINE ARTS

*Presented by Professor Judith deGraffenried*

Cara Ann Dominello	§◇Annalise Gormley
†Julie Anne Galemba	

FINE ARTS: GRAPHIC DESIGN

*Presented by Professor Judith DeGraffenried*

•Zachary A. Cole	Devin Delaney
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LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

*Presented by Professor Donna Bontatibus, Ph.D.*

Angeline G. Alaconis	Brittany D. Leary
§◇Joshua Budney	Alexandra Catherine Lebert
Georgia Carlson	•James Long
•Samantha J. Cook	Jerry Puello
‡◇Julia Nadine Dietz	†Nohaila Raqabi
‡◇Omar Gonzalez-Solano	

## ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION  
*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

‡Emily J. Ball	‡Anthony Leone
•Allison Leigh Buckley	•Thomas Michael Lopkin
Joshua Daley	•◇Jaime R. Matos
Christopher Hackett	•Joshua T. McClure
Karinne S. Hart	•◇Shayla M. Patterson
‡Shane Michael Hewitt	•Louis Rotar
•Trevor Townshend Higgins	•△Ayal J. Rozen
‡Michael C. Humowitz	†Ryan Rustek

## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

ACCOUNTING  
*Presented by Professor Susan Lugli*

•Leonel Cervantes-Gonzalez	Tony Perez-Silva
‡Megan Falck	•Kieanna L. Staggers
◇Samantha Melendez	Amanda Staron
†Krista Pabon	

BIOTECHNOLOGY  
*Presented by Associate Professor Frank Stellabotte, Ph.D.*

Ashley N. Gonzalez	†Lisa Ann Roy
Jessica Lynn Rider	

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
*Presented by Professor Susan Lugli*

Jose Alvarez	Ryan Miller
Maxwell Burns	James Morello
Thomas S. Crawford	†Jen Murtha
Kelly S. Foster	Lilianna K. Narowska
•Kristin E. Green	‡◇Lina Maria Orlando
Michael J. Izzo	Nicholas Reyna
Alexia Christina Kalymnios	•Kristen Leann Rzasa
Elijah Luchuk	†Ryan Michael Shea
Melissa Rose Manente	†Isaias Soto
†Alexander Maxwell, III	•Kevin Tufo
Tyler McConnell	

## COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Presented by Professor Donna Hylton*

Joshua A. Barton	Merry Nduwimana
Timothy Joseph Browne Jr.	†Thanasis Ntousis
Braden M. Disbrow	§Manuel Ivo Nunes
†Leonardo Augusto	†John Skorzewski Jr.
Fernandes Dos Reis	†W. Troy Ward
†Kristopher Angelo Marques	§Samuel D. Yount

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*Presented by Professor Rebecca Rist-Brown*

Benjamin Alonzo	†Diamond Lenáe Gaines
Bradley R. Andrews	Collin P. Gallagher-Paeth
Ryan Atkinson	Michael Dale Holdridge Jr.
•Kaneisha Ayala	•Charlie Jones
Evan Barcello	Theresa Rose Pasqualini
Jacob Louis Beaulieu	Joel R. Raffone
•Kimberly Bermudez	•Christopher Rayner
Conner Cassidy	Jessica Lynn Rider
Christopher E. Ciacchero	Raven Alexis Santello
§◇Gregory Mark Corvo	Amanda Staron
Michael R. Devine	Brenda L. Vera

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Presented by Assistant Professor Norma Rosado-Javier*

Asia Banning	†Marisa J. Ossa
†Migdalia Paige Colon	Maria Isabel Rosado
•Lizeth Cruz	‡◇Sarah Grace Wall
•Serena M. Garcia	Krystal Ann Wilson
‡◇Skye Tala Gilbert	

## ENGINEERING SCIENCE

*Presented by Professor Lin Lin Ph.D.*

•Timothy Lawrence Carlson	Adel Hamedi
‡◇York Alexander Clement	Anginieka Marie Jackman
•Noah P. Concepcion	†Muhammad Saqib Khan
•△◇ John Francis Guillamon	◇Jacob Murphy



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
*Presented by Professor Mark Busa, Ph.D.*

Tyler M. Bjarnason  
Melanie Broderick  
§◇Samantha Ann Mims

†Elizabeth Alice Spielman  
§◇Brett C. Swanson

GENERAL STUDIES

*Presented by Professor Tad Lincoln and Professor Kimberly Thomas, Ph.D.*

§Cody R. Altieri  
†Alicia M. Archuleta  
Tamera D. Balfour  
•Cameron Biro  
Diana Bitzaya  
•Robert Charles Bosco  
Abigail Cannon  
Carissa Capaldo  
Samantha Celentano  
Donna Cohen  
Peter M. Constantinople Jr.  
Olga Dabrowska  
Christine Elysse Deschamps  
†Brittany E. Devine  
§◇Boris Dizik  
•Victoria May Domkowski  
•Aidan Doyle  
Taylor Ann Fisk  
Lily Flora  
‡△◇ Ailis Frost  
†Julie Galemba  
†Karon Godbolt  
‡◇Omar Gonzalez-Solano  
△ Jake Hesseltine  
Corey Hill  
Derek Hill  
Christopher M. Johnson  
Nicholas Lagares  
John Michael Lee  
•Janneth Stephanie Marcatoma  
Evahna McDaniel

Molly Rose Mitchell  
•Daijah Monae Moore  
◇Jeffrey S. Muzio Jr.  
†Katelyn M. Nguyen  
Meagan Nicole Nunes  
•Alexis Ocasio-Emilian  
•Esmeralda O'Farrill  
Kevin Oppong  
•Emily Pitruzzello  
Jonas Rivera  
◇Elijah Rodriguez  
Emilee Rose Rodriguez  
Rachel S. Russo  
Trey Salvatore  
•Louis Michael Scoppetto  
•John H. Setzer  
§Amy R. Simons  
Ashley C. Singer  
Julia Smith  
•◇Olivia N. Smith  
Casey E. Solomon  
◇Leeauna M. Stagni  
Trevor K. Stevens  
•Grace Strillacci  
Laura A. Urban  
Brenda Delphenia Washington  
†Justin Weisel  
Andrew David Young  
Lisa L. Zajkowski  
David Joseph Ziobron

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
*Presented by Associate Professor Jill Flanigan*

‡Kayleigh Gagnon

•Erika Rivera

## HUMAN SERVICES

*Presented by Associate Professor Jennifer Hernandez, Ed.D.*

Elliott Bard	Grace N. Phillips
Michelle Darlene Coachman	David F. Polvani
†Kristina Marie Guerrero	Nicole L. Robbins
Lydia Estelle Mercado	Carole Marie Roberts
•Marina Mongillo	†Mariangel Carolina Rojas-Hernandez
Iris Morales	‡Amber M. Shaw
†Kristina R. Noyes	

## MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*Presented by Professor Donna Hylton*

Amber Defond

## MULTIMEDIA

*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

Ryan M. Savio

## OPHTHALMIC DESIGN & DISPENSING

*Presented by Associate Professor Aarlan Aceto, OD*

Kristen A. Alicea	‡Heather Jones Ignatuk
†Jamie L. Brereton	◇Marjan Parviz
Daniel Cusson	†Odalis Marie Reyes
Shawn David Gordon Jr.	§◇Samantha Russo
‡◇Jennifer Irene Haddad	Andrea C. Salcedo
§◇Hailey Olson Hicks	§Yuliya Ulyanova

## RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

*Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, Ph.D.*

†Rachel Adams	‡Chelsea Goodison
Madison V. Annino	‡Gabrielle Kulman
‡◇Ryan Christopher Appold	†Michael Ly
‡◇Bianca Ann Marie Bates	†Anna M. Malek
‡Ashley Beckert	†Dorothy Barrett Mannings
Chelsea Burgoyne	†Haley McCall
†Amanda Leigh Castonguay	Kathryn Peabody
Joshua R. Costa	†Stephanie Pinard
†Natalie A. Erdos	§Bryan H. Prado
†Rose Franklin	Miranda L. Schena

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: COMPUTER ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

*Presented by Professor Lin Lin, Ph.D.*

Troy Satagaj

Jordan Richard Williams

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

*Presented by Program Director Tracy Ariel*

Ricardo Perez

TECHNOLOGY STUDIES: MANUFACTURING MACHINE

*Presented by Program Director Tracy Ariel*

Richard Gagne

Kevin Thomas Wilson

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

*Presented by Associate Professor Christopher Gargamelli, DVM*

Carissa Anderson

Samantha Lee

Sabina Gilda Cardenas

Miranda Lee Marcantonio

•Halee Esposito

Melissa Messer

§Lauren A. Feinman

Nicole Poole

•Kayla Forleo

§◇Jennifer Reilly

†Michael D. Fox

Angelica Marie Rivera

Gabriella Mary Guarino

†Julianna Marie Rushford

§◇Abigail Brooke Ingalls

Tiffany M. Van Wilgen

‡Jillian Beth Kahen

Aubrey Jeanne Wrenn

Miranda Elizabeth Langmaid

## Candidates for Certificates

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

*Presented by Professor Susan Lugli*

‡Latifa Katim Dahab

‡◇Ewa W. Nasiadek

AUDIO AND MUSIC

*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

†Louis Rotar

†Ryan Rustek

## BIOTECHNOLOGY

*Presented by Associate Professor Frank Stellabotte, Ph.D.*

Andrew Charles Conway Sr.

## COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKING

*Presented by Professor Donna Hylton*

Joshua A. Barton  
Braden M. Disbrow

†Kristopher Angelo Marques

## DIGITAL MARKETING

*Presented by Professor Susan Lugli*

§◇Abigail Gagliardi

Andrea Waddell

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Presented by Assistant Professor Norma Rosado-Javier*

Christina Marie Albraccio  
Asia Banning  
Raymond James Bedard Jr.  
†Amanda Broe  
†Ya Hong Cen  
†Migdalia Paige Colon  
†Lizeth Cruz  
•Valerie A. Fialkoff

‡◇Skye Tala Gilbert  
Roksana Khanom  
‡Aida Ortiz  
•Stephanie Marie Ortiz  
†Marisa J. Ossa  
‡◇Sarah Grace Wall  
Krystal Ann Wilson  
Nilufar Yeasmin

## FILM AND VIDEO

*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

Matthew Brunell  
Joshua Daley  
Karinne S. Hart  
‡Shane Michael Hewitt  
Trevor Townshend Higgins

‡Michael C. Humowitz  
‡Anthony Leone  
†Thomas Michael Lopkin  
•◇Jaime R. Matos  
•Joshua T. McClure

## HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

*Presented by Associate Professor Jill Flanigan*

§◇Karen Molloy  
Erika Rivera

†Nichole Szymaszek

HELP DESK TECHNICIAN  
*Presented by Professor Donna Hylton*

Braden M. Disbrow

MAGNETIC RESONANCE (MR)  
*Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, Ph.D.*

- ◇Carole Capen-Kargher
- Sarah A. Zajac
- ◇Devin Michael Gagnon

MAMMOGRAPHY  
*Presented by Professor Judy Wallace, Ph.D.*

- Katarzyna Fil
- ‡Nadine M. Hamm
- †Ashley Marie Hall
- §Alyssa Marie Riel

MANUFACTURING MACHINE TECHNOLOGY  
*Presented by Program Director Tracy Ariel*

- Andrew Bengtson
- Kenneth P. Krzeminski
- Alan Chanvong
- †Thomas Matthew Wall III
- Sandy Fernandez Castillo
- §◇Robert Walling

MULTIMEDIA  
*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

- ‡Emily J. Ball
- ◇Shayla M. Patterson
- Joseph J. Guglietti
- †Louis Rotar
- Matthew E. Kelsey

NEWS AND SPORTS PRODUCTION  
*Presented by Professor Richard Lenoce*

- Allison Leigh Buckley
- ΔAyal J. Rozen
- ‡Shane Michael Hewitt

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER  
*Presented by Professor Donna Hylton*

†Kristopher Angelo Marques

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

*Presented by Associate Professor Jennifer Hernandez, Ed.D.*

Mariano Cartagena  
Diana Trainor LeRoi  
Michelle Marie Paquette

Emalee Pawloski  
‡Amber M. Shaw

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## Awards

**Class of 2020 Valedictorian:** The class valedictorian is the student with the highest cumulative quality point average. The 2020 Class Valedictorian is Abigail Brooke Ingalls.



**Awards for Academic Excellence:** The Awards for Academic Excellence are presented to graduating students who have achieved a cumulative quality point average of 4.00, and who have completed fifty percent of their requirements at MxCC. Recipients are Abigail Brooke Ingalls and Jennifer Reilly.

**The Pritchett-Taylor Scholarship:** The Pritchett-Taylor Scholarship, established by Mary L. Pritchett and Edith Taylor, are awarded to the seniors with the highest cumulative quality point average who have earned at least thirty credits at MxCC, and who have attended full-time for at least two semesters. Recipients are Abigail Brooke Ingalls and Jennifer Reilly.

Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society graduates are identified by their gold stoles, cords, and tassels.

## Academic Regalia

The academic dress worn today originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when classrooms were unheated and the academic gown and hood kept scholars warm. It became a distinctive symbol of academic pursuit, setting the academic apart from the non-academic, hence the “gown versus the town” phrase that continues even today.

Prior to the American Civil War, most American college and university students wore the gown daily during the entire term of study. The gown became standardized in 1894 when the American Intercollegiate Commission determined that all robes would be black. The master’s robe is distinguishable by long, closed sleeves; the doctor’s gown by a facing of black velvet from the hem to the neck and back, with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow.

The traditional hood displays significant colors. The lining represents the colors of the university granting the wearer’s highest degree. The color of the facing of the hood signifies the individual’s academic discipline or school of study. Although there has been much innovation in gown and cap design in recent years, the standard colors representing the various academic disciplines have remained the same.

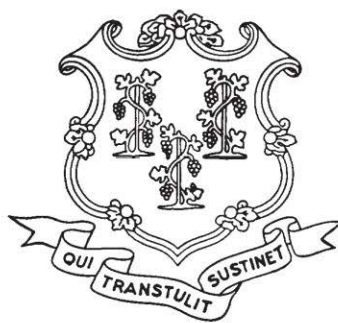
These are:

White:	Arts and Letters	Copper:	Economics
Purple:	Law	Lemon:	Library Science
Scarlet:	Theology	Olive:	Pharmacy
Green:	Medicine	Light Brown:	Business
Dark Blue:	Philosophy	Light Blue:	Education
Yellow:	Science	Peacock:	International Studies
Brown:	Architecture and Fine Arts	Citron Yellow:	Social Work
Pink:	Music	Salmon Pink:	Public Health
Lilac:	Dentistry		

## The Mace

The College Mace is carried at Commencement exercises. The first dated record of the use of the academic mace goes back to Vienna University in the year of 1385. The academic mace served as a sign of strength and authority and was carried by a designated member of the faculty during solemn processions. The Mace is adorned with configurations as well as inscriptions which eulogized and commemorated the institution.





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